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VCU

As one of only 28 public universities with academic medical centers to be designated by the Carnegie Foundation as “Community Engaged” with “Highest Research Activity,” Virginia Commonwealth University is taking its place among the nation’s premier urban, public research universities.

VCU received \$310 million in externally funded sponsored awards in fiscal year 2019. VCU graduate programs and first professional programs are consistently ranked among the top 50 nationally by U.S. News & World Report, including the No. 1 sculpture and nurse anesthesia programs. And through the guidance of its strategic plan, Quest 2025, VCU is working to meet the demands of diverse populations through impactful research and creativity, rigorous study and extensive community engagement.

The university traces its roots to two institutions that merged in 1968 to create VCU: the Medical College of Virginia, established in 1838 as the medical department of Hampden-Sydney College, and Richmond Professional Institute, founded in 1917.

Today, VCU enrolls more than 31,000 students in more than 200 degree and certificate programs and encompasses one of the largest academic health centers in the nation, VCU Health, where the VCU Medical Center was named the No. 1 hospital in the Richmond region by U.S. News & World Report.

VCU and VCU Health have been honored with prestigious national and international recognition for top-quality graduate, professional and medical care programs, reflecting a commitment to be among America’s top research universities, supporting students, faculty and the VCU community to make it real.

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Academic programs, Fall 2018-19

Degree programs

	At VCU	Unique in Virginia	Conferred, 2018-19
Baccalaureate	67	4	5,259
Master's	72	7	1,400
Doctorate	42	6	353
First professional	3	1	435
Certificate	49	4	326
Total	233	22	7,773

Largest programs of study and foundations

Undergraduate	<i>Number in program</i>
Biology	2,031
Psychology	1,749
Health, physical education and exercise science	1,555
Criminal justice	652
Political science	613
Mass communications	604
Business	600
Nursing	530
Mechanical engineering	489
Chemistry	447

Business foundation	1,417
Art foundation	604
Pre-nursing	505

Graduate	<i>Number in program</i>	Graduate	<i>Number in program</i>
Social work	441	Education	155
Nursing	308	Nurse anesthesia practice	130
Business	291	Occupational therapy	127
Business administration	273	Engineering	101
Physical therapy	168	Health administration	98
Teaching	156		

Tuition and fees*	<i>Resident</i>	<i>Nonresident</i>
Undergraduate	\$14,596	\$35,904
Graduate	15,086	29,084
Medicine	35,369	57,768
Dentistry	57,911	90,281
Pharmacy	31,054	31,054
Room and board	11,405	11,405

* Tuition for students who were newly admitted to a degree or certificate program beginning in or after the fall 2014 semester is calculated on a sliding, per-credit-hour basis with a 50 percent per-credit discount for credits 15 and more. The above rates are based on 15 credits a semester. Rates for first-professional programs are representative of charges for first-year students. More detailed tuition rates can be found in VCU's budget plan at budget.vcu.edu.

Mission statement

As a premier urban, public research university in Virginia, VCU's mission is to advance knowledge and student success through its commitments to:

- An engaged, learner-centered environment that fosters inquiry, discovery and innovation in a global setting
- Research that expands the boundaries of new knowledge and creative expression and promotes translational applications to improve human health
- Interdisciplinary collaborations that bring new perspectives to complex problems and mobilize creative energies that advance innovation and solve global challenges
- Health care that strives to preserve and restore health for all people, to seek the cause and cure of diseases through groundbreaking research, and to educate those who serve humanity
- Diversity that provides a climate of inclusion, a dedication to addressing disparities wherever they exist and an opportunity to explore and create in an environment of trust
- Sustainable, university-community partnerships that enhance the educational, economic and cultural vitality of the communities VCU serves in Virginia and around the world

Vision statement

VCU will be a premier, urban public research university distinguished by its commitment to:

- The intellectual and academic success of a diverse student body
- Research and discovery that advances knowledge, inspires creativity and improves human health
- The global engagement of students, faculty and staff that transforms lives and communities

Fall headcount 30,103
Annual FTE (estimated) 27,455

Student level		Student type	
Undergraduate	23,172	Day	27,509
Graduate	5,292	Evening	1,471
First professional	1,639	Off-campus	1,123

Colleges and schools

College of Engineering	School of Education
College of Health Professions	L. Douglas Wilder School of Government and Public Affairs
College of Humanities and Sciences	School of Medicine
– Richard T. Robertson School of Media and Culture	School of Nursing
– School of World Studies	School of Pharmacy
Honors College	School of Social Work
School of the Arts	University College
School of Business	VCU Graduate School
School of Dentistry	VCU Life Sciences

Demographics

Gender		Residency	
Female	61.3%	In-state	86.5%
Male	38.3%	Out-of-state	13.5%
Not reported	0.4%		

Race/Ethnicity		Status	
American Indian/Alaskan	0.2%	Full-time	83.3%
Asian	13.2%	Part-time	16.7%
Black/African-American	17.3%		
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0.1%		
Hispanic/Latino	9.1%		
International	3.9%		
Two or more races	6.2%		
Not reported	4.8%		
White	45.3%		

International students 1,170
Incoming freshmen enrolled 4,461
Transfers enrolled 1,672
Honors students enrolled 923

Number of living alumni

Total 199,158
 Of the more than 199,000 living alumni, 68 percent live in Virginia and 40 percent live in the Richmond-metropolitan area.

Employees

	University	Health system*	Total
Full time			
Teaching & research faculty	2,551	n/a	2,551
Administrative & professional faculty	9	n/a	9
University & academic professionals	2,927	n/a	2,927
Research professionals & housestaff	189	718	907
Classified staff	845	10,505	11,350
Total full time	6,521	11,223	17,744
Part time			
Adjunct faculty	910	n/a	910
Graduate assistants	992	n/a	992
Hourly workers	904	1,300	2,204
Student workers	2,229	n/a	2,229
Other part-time faculty and staff	155	n/a	155
Total part time	5,190	1,300	6,490
VCU total	11,711	12,523	24,234

* VCU Health System totals do not include individuals with dual employment.

Demographics of full-time employees

Gender	T&R	A&P	U&A	Classified
	faculty*	faculty	professionals	staff
Female	46.06%	44.44%	62.59%	78.73%
Male	53.82%	55.56%	37.24%	21.04%
Not reported	0.12%	n/a	0.17%	0.23%

Race/Ethnicity

	T&R	A&P	U&A	Classified
	faculty*	faculty	professionals	staff
American Indian/Alaskan	0.16%	n/a	0.38%	0.54%
Asian	13.8%	11.11%	4.24%	4.34%
Black/African American	6.43%	n/a	21.46%	30.16%
Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	0.04%	n/a	0.07%	0.18%
Hispanic/Latino	2.86%	n/a	3.55%	2.72%
International	4.12%	n/a	1.09%	0.03%
Two or more races	0.9%	n/a	2.56%	2.03%
Unknown	0.39%	n/a	0.34%	2.83%
White	71.31%	88.89%	66.31%	57.18%

Instructional faculty

Tenure status	Tenure		Non-tenure		Total
	Tenured	track	track	track	
Professor	392	16	102	510	
Associate	343	21	337	701	
Assistant	1	267	770	1,038	
Instructor	n/a	n/a	302	302	
Total	736	304	1,511	2,551	

* Teaching and research faculty includes librarians that have teaching and research faculty classification.

Physical capacity

- The 98.7-acre Monroe Park Campus is located in Richmond's Fan District, and the 70.5-acre MCV Campus is adjacent to the State Capitol. The university also owns another 582 acres, located in Hanover and Charles City counties.
- VCU occupies 271 buildings. Of the university's owned buildings, 48 were built prior to 1900.
- The estimated capital replacement cost is \$4.2 billion.
- The residence hall capacity is 6,234 students for academic year 2019-20.

VCU Libraries

- More than 2.2 million people visit VCU's libraries each year.
- The libraries provide access to 500 licensed databases and thousands of journals.
- More than 3 million volumes, including more than 1 million ebooks.
- The libraries have over 50,000 locally digitized items from its collections that are freely available online.

Virginia Commonwealth University, VCU Health System and related entities

Revenues and capital additions

Operating revenues	Amount*	Percent
Tuition and fees	\$355.7	6.9%
Grants and contracts	223.6	4.3%
State general funds	270.9	5.2%
Auxiliary enterprises	137.0	2.7%
Health system services	3,898.5	75.4%
Gifts	60.0	1.2%
Investment income	127.9	2.5%
Other revenues	93.0	1.8%
Total	\$5,166.6	100.0%

Expenditures

Operating expenses	Amount*	Percent
Instruction	\$374.7	7.6%
Research	182.3	3.7%
Public service	11.5	0.2%
Academic support	119.9	2.4%
Student services	17.3	0.3%
Institutional support	99.4	2.0%
Operations and maintenance of plant	91.8	1.9%
Scholarships and fellowships	43.1	0.9%
Auxiliary enterprises	102.5	2.1%
Hospital services	3,686.0	74.4%
Depreciation	177.7	3.6%
Interest expense on capital debt	14.3	0.3%
Other expenses	27.6	0.6%
Total	\$4,948.1	100.0%

Increase in net assets \$218.5

(Excludes direct student loan disbursements of \$216.4 million)

* Millions of dollars, as of June 30, 2019

Related entities' assets and liabilities*

	Assets	Liabilities	Balance
VCU Foundation	\$118.9	\$37.7	\$81.2
MCV Foundation	622.2	10.4	611.8
Real Estate Foundation	93.3	54.8	38.5
Engineering Foundation	117.9	66.0	51.9
Business Foundation	86.6	40.4	46.2
Dentistry @ VCU	17.4	8.2	9.2
Total	\$1,056.3	\$217.5	\$838.8

* Millions of dollars, as of June 30, 2019

Pledges and total cash received in FY19 \$124,867,744

- Quest became part of the university's vernacular and highlighted its collective vision as a premier, urban public research university. As Quest for Distinction ends and VCU embarks on its new strategic plan for 2018-25, the following achievements highlight VCU's progress and success since 2012:
 - Six-year graduation rate increased from 57 percent to 68 percent.
 - Four-year graduation rate increased from 34 percent to 48 percent.
 - Baccalaureate degrees awarded increased 13 percent from 4,666 to 5,259.
 - Underrepresented* enrollment increased from 25 percent to 31 percent.
 - VCU sponsored research awards amounted to \$310 million in FY 19

* Underrepresented include: American Indian/Alaska Native, Black/African American (not of Hispanic origin), Hispanic/Latino (including persons of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban and Central or South American origin), Hawaiian/Pacific Islander, or two or more races (multiracial) that consists of at least one of the ethnic/racial groups mentioned above.